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Kombinat, Bitterfeld, in 1947

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1. The value of the output of Elektro-Chemisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld, during 1947 amounted to 50% of the value of the 1938 production. Expenses incurred were identical with the 1938 level. The value of deliveries made as direct reparations during 1947 amounted to approximately 11 million RM, which was sub-divided as below:

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| a. chemicals | 5 million RM |
| b. light-metals | 4 million RM |
| c. highly refined metallic calcium | 2 million RM |

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2. The following are the main products of the combine: Date: 1 MAY 1948 50X1-HU
- a. Caustic soda in the form of lye or in solid form.
 - b. Calcium ammonium nitrate (2,000 tons per month = 50% of capacity).
 - c. Nitric ammonia - 200 tons nitrogen per month.
 - d. Potassium bi-chromate - 50% of the production goes to the USSR.
 - e. Oxalic acid - almost 100% of the production of 150 tons per month goes to the USSR.
 - f. Pure aluminum - above 85 tons per month.
 - g. Pure calcium.
3. The plant producing lighter flints is not yet in operation; the synthetic gem plant is operating with twelve burners, producing rubies and white sapphires. A new phosphorous plant with an anticipated output of 800 tons in 1948 was erected on 1 February 1948.
4. By December 1947, production had attained 132% of the planned target. This was caused by the rise of the production of metallic calcium. As of 1 February 1948, the production targets were raised by 15% - 20% approximately.
5. Orders have been given that the acquisition of goods for the Western Zone and the Western Sectors of Berlin is to be severely limited and stopped altogether if possible. An example of this is the fact that Dräger fittings for industrial gas masks are now manufactured in the Bitterfeld works, since their purchase in Berlin was forbidden by the Russians.

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